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SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS TAKES CRITICAL STANCE TOWARD U.S. POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT ON PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE AND LUMPS U.S. AND ISRAEL TOGEHTER IN BLOCKING PALESTINIANS FROM ACHIEVING THEIR RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

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AND BEIRUT ARTICLES WHICH IN TURN:

--CRITICIZE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S SEPT. 13 POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT ON PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE. LACK OF MENTION OF PLO AND ITS RECOGNIZED ROLE AS "SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE" OF PALES-TINIANS IS CITED AS EVIDENCE THAT WASHINGTON SUPPORTS CONVOCATION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE ONLY IN WORDS. IN DEEDS, THE "COORDINATED U.S.-ISRAELI ACTIONS ARE DIRECTED TOWARD BLOCKING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO IN THIS FORUM:

--USE PRESENT SESSION OF U.N. COMMITTEE ON PALES-TINIAN RIGHTS TO DESCRIBE ATTEMPTS BY "ISRAEL AND ITS PROTECTORS" TO BLOCK M.E. SETTLEMENT;

--CITE ARAFAT (AT AL'-DZHALIL' LEBANESE REFUGEE
CAMP FOR PALESTINIANS) ON ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER'S
ULTIMATUM ON CLEANING PALESTINIAN FORCES OUT OF
SOURTHERN LEBANON. "A SIMILAR DEMAND IS ALSO CONTAINED
IN THE MESSAGE OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE",
ARAFAT IS REPORTED AS SAYING. NO FURTHER INFORMATION
IS PROVIDED ON THIS ALLEGED MESSAGE.

2. COMMENT: SNAP SOVIET REACTION IN BRIEF TASS WASHINGTON ITEM IS FURTHER EXAMPLE OF SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO GIVE U.S. ANY PUBLIC CREDIT FOR WORKING CONSTRUCTIVELY TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

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